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E. L. WOODIN,
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Hongkong, January 2, 1860.

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ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL and BREMEN.)

The Steamship
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 Captain L. VOLTMER, who
is despatched for
above Ports on THURSDAY, the
January, at 10 a.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 24

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(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rate
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHINA & NINGPO, CHEFOO, NINGPO & NINGPO.)


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The Co.'s Steamship
Dioned,
Captain BARTLETT, will

THURSDAY, the 9th January.
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Hongkong, December 31, 1889. 24

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**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
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Having connection with Company's M.
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Longsong, October 25, 1899. 24

DIVINE SERVICE FOR SEAMEN.—On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch carrying the Bosphorus flag will call alongside any vessel hoisting the pennant. To convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's Roman Church, returning about 12.30.

Two men were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Wodehouse to-day on a charge of entering a house in Lyndhurst Terrace, armed and without licence to molest a felony. One of the prisoners, an old offender, who when put into goal on first arrest, was clothed in the most filthy and filthy apparel, appeared in the dock to-day dressed in resplendent attire, which showed he carried with an exceedingly high regard to the transformation it was found that the prisoner was merely repeating a dodge which had stood him in good stead on similar occasions previously. The brand new silks were adopted to improve his appearance in the dock and perhaps to allow his solicitor to refer to him as a man of position and respectability.

GOVERNOR LIN MING CHUAN sent some soldiers to subdue the aborigines on the 20th of last month to a place called New Lung but the savages have broken out at a place near Takou Kien and they have killed and wounded about 50 Imperialists. The savages have made a barrier at the entrance of their harbours by driving piles and putting stones down at the entrances.

A Native paper says:—H.E. Chang Chi Tung took over the reins of the Viceroyship on the 26th of last month, and on the 1st of the 12th month H.E. received all the officials under his jurisdiction. The various officials went to H.E.'s Yamen very early in the morning, but H.E. was still earlier, for he was in his Yamen Hall at 3 a.m. when he had to wait some time before any of the Mandarin made their appearance; when they did, they felt rather sheepish, for being tardy.

This syndicate which has acquired the Raab mine have now registered themselves as a limited liability company, under the title of 'The Raab Australian Syndicate, Limited.' The capital of the company is £1,000,000, of which 700,000 shares have been issued to the present shareholders, and 300,000 fully paid up are held in reserve. These fully paid up shares are not to be issued unless the original vendors of the Raab Concession elect to take their 250,000 shares (which they are to get as part payment of purchase in a company which the purchasers are bound by agreement to form before October, 1890) in this company. Should they not do so, then another company will have to be formed within the specified time, which is intended to be in London, and to provide for all expenses of floating, the balance of 500,000 fully paid-up shares are held. The directors of the new company are Messrs. R. Philip, M. L. A., J. E. Davidson, J. M. Thomson, F. Johnson, R. Newton, L. K. R. and E. G. G. The secretary is Mr. G. S. Murphy, and the company have a registered office. On Mr. T. W. Brown's return from the Peninsula he brought with him five boxes of stone from the Raab mine. These have now been crushed in Melbourne with a result of 100,000 lbs. of stone. The weight of stone was only 512 lb., as when Mr. Brown left the mine the difficulties of carriage were considerable. —*Brisbane Courier.*

'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That of all the flighty things in this world, the flight of Time is the most flighty—when you come to think of it.

That generally speaking one does not think of it until it has been on the flight for a number of years.

That, considering the amount of 'depression' which was to be expected among the residents on our own 'do', the New Year has been a remarkably happy and festive season.

That it is instructive as well as pleasing to go through the ordeal of hearty hand-shaking at these times, and to distinguish between the 'pump-handle' and the warmer and more genuine form of greeting.

That some of the greetings, or perhaps prompted more by the hope of better things to come than as the result of good obtained from the year that is past—'while there is life there is hope.'

That the ups and downs of life in the East—so well known in the Stock Market (for particulars, see 'All Babs')—have been aptly illustrated during the early days of this year—in another of those sudden changes of temperature invented at Yau-mat-ti.

That while wishing Dr. Dobrick a most prosperous New Year, with as slight a variation in temperature as is consistent with astronomical and meteorological laws, I quite fail to understand his 'Notice.'

That the 'absence of assistants, owing to illness and promotion respectively,' is not usually put forward publicly as the reason why official work should cease.

That the cessation of the 'Astronomical' work of the Director's Department would perhaps produce more grief to the learned Societies at Home than among the tax-paying residents of Hongkong.

That the Director of the Observatory is to be congratulated on the maintenance so far of the meteorological regulations.

That the weather still requires looking after in an almost Indian Summer having been followed by a cold snap as sudden as it is severe.

That in view of the partial strike at the Observatory, it is to be hoped no belated forecasts made by the staff will avail itself of any unearned credit.

fun, and will be the subject of conversation for months, and even years to come. That there are many Bains in the Colony where lives are far from being all Buns and Skittles, and whose parents can't afford to take them to the Pantomime. That it would be a very graceful act on the part of our Amateurs to give these Bains a 'free' performance.

That it would add fresh lustre to their already well-earned laurels.

That if others will follow suit, I'll gladly subscribe a modest \$10 towards providing them with Buns and Indigestion.

That the Committee of the A. L. C.—

That on these happy days of childhood when indignation meant no more than a very temporary tightening of the waist-band!

That the sensation was well described by a small Hongkonger who told his mother 'he felt as if he had swallowed his aunt.'

That in Shanghai the festive season seems to have culminated in an earthquake.

That here it has been marked by an influx of Babs, and the Babs and the Babs of many homes happy by their reasonable advent.

That much has been written about Babs, but nothing truer than this—

That 'other things change, but they remain the same self-possessed, laughing and laughing little heathens, in all ages, and in all climes.'

That Mark Twain was ever interested in them, because 'he commenced life as a baby.'

That the meetings of the King Solomon's Miners becoming serious rivals to those of the Sanitary Board.

That much talk was got through at last gathering of the Gold-seekers, but the meeting did not get much nearer the entrance of their harbours by driving piles and putting stones down at the entrances.

That if the Chairman had started off with a clear statement, he would have disarmed many of the chatters.

That London is more likely to be the real Land of Offer than 'Frisco.'

That the Chinese who ship coals to San Francisco should be looked after.

That roughs are said to be hired to guard hatches and prevent emigrants from escaping, and that in the Outposts they can be seen openly engaged in this business.

That for a perfect application of the 'return bonus' system, commend me to the average Chinese servant.

That it may be taken for granted for every dollar a foreign master pays to a Chinese shopkeeper, he must get back 20 per cent.

That when such cases are unearthed, the sharpest lesson should be taught the grasping domestics.

That your remarks upon Sir Cecil Smith's idea of an 'Advisory Board' are very correct, and to the point.

That here we have neither a Municipal Council nor an 'Advisory Board' of Chinese, while in the Straits they now have both.

That here the stumbling-block placed in the way of Municipal Council is that the Chinese vote would swamp the British Community.

That, in Singapore, where they have had a Municipal Council for about twenty years, the Malay and Chinese sections are so intermingled that the Advisory Board is now deemed to be necessary.

That years ago it was advocated—I think in your columns—that a Chinese Committee should be formed here, with powers similar to those proposed to be given to the Board in London, and to provide for all expenses of floating, the balance of 500,000 fully paid-up shares are held. The directors of the new company are Messrs. R. Philip, M. L. A., J. E. Davidson, J. M. Thomson, F. Johnson, R. Newton, L. K. R. and E. G. G. The secretary is Mr. G. S. Murphy, and the company have a registered office. On Mr. T. W. Brown's return from the Peninsula he brought with him five boxes of stone from the Raab mine. These have now been crushed in Melbourne with a result of 100,000 lbs. of stone. The weight of stone was only 512 lb., as when Mr. Brown left the mine the difficulties of carriage were considerable. —*Brisbane Courier.*

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of prizes in connection with the Hongkong Public School took place at St. Paul's College to-day. His Excellency the Governor presided at the ceremony, and amongst the others present were the Right Rev. Bishop Burton; Hon. J. T. St. Aubyn; W. Jennings, Colonial Chaplain; Rev. J. B. Oat; Mr. G. Piercy, Headmaster, Diocesan School; Mr. A. J. May, second master, Victoria College, &c.

Mr. C. J. Bateman, the headmaster, said:—Your Excellency, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen, in presenting the report of the Public School this year I shall devote from the plan on which I have generally gone, inasmuch as I am going to give some account of the origin of the school, and then pass on to its general working under my own management.

Origin.—The school had its beginning in the year 1879, through the exertions of the Rev. R. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain, who had some ten or twelve English boys as private pupils. These were the sons of persons attending St. John's Cathedral, and when the school received from Bishop Burton a home and habitation in St. Paul's College it was entirely with a view of providing an education for the sons of such persons as were the first to make the school self-supporting, and boys of other nationalities had to be admitted, amongst them Japanese and Hindoos.

First Head Master.—I took charge of the school in December 1879, when it numbered some 32 pupils; there were 23 English, 4 Portuguese, 5 Europeans, 1 Parsee, 1 Jew and 1 Spanish. The school had been examined under the Grant-Aid system, but this had been discontinued and the school of the year done was in existence.

The introduction of the Cambridge Local Examination was decided upon, and also the examination of the school by the Cambridge Syndicate at the end of the millennium term.

Results.—The Cambridge Local Examination of 1886 gave us but one success. Lobb having succeeded in satisfying the examiner. In the following year we obtained five certificates. In 1888, three; but the Government scholarship was awarded to the school, which was a great success.

Examinations.—In the millennium examinations the school's results were a considerable amount of satisfactory progress. When in 1889, the school was examined by the Cambridge Syndicate, the school was found to be equal to that of any corresponding school at home, we may, I think, feel that the school supplies the want for which it was originally started.

Attendance.—In my detailed report to you, my Lord Bishop, and to the Cambridge Syndicate, I have given you a full and complete account of the school's progress. I feel very sure that a boy is absent or late except for some sickness, and during the year I find in making up the list of names a personal note of absence, and during the year I find in making up the list of names a personal note of absence, and during the year I find in making up the list of names a personal note of absence.

Staff.—This consists of a Head, Second Master and Monitor.

Classification.—The school is arranged in four forms, I, II, III, and IV, forming the Upper School, and I, II, and III forming the Lower School. In the Upper School, the teaching is entirely in the hands of the Head Master, except on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when it is supervised by the Second Master.

Examinations.—These days, the Head Master thoroughly examines the work of the Lower School; a considerable amount of difficulty is occasioned by the fact that the Upper School is examined both by the Cambridge Syndicate and the Grant-Aid Scheme. The classification of the one not meeting the requirements of the other.

To overcome the difficulty as far as possible during the first and second terms the work is arranged for the Cambridge Syndicate examination.

Lower School.—In form I, numbering 6 boys, we have the following nationalities: Of Mohammedan, 2 Parsee and 2 English. Of these, four not having met the necessary number of attendances through their entering the school in the year were not presented for examination under the Grant-Aid Scheme. From my own personal examination of their work I am sure they would have passed, and they have been presented. In the 2nd Standard there was but one failure, and that was in the case of a boy who had just recovered from a severe attack of fever and is of a highly nervous temperament.

In commenting on the work of Standard II, I take the opportunity of pointing out the enormous range which the grant-aid system demands from Standard II. Were the scheme properly drawn up, the Arithmetic of this Standard, instead of being what it is, would be vulgar and decimal fractions; such is the recognition of the present day. Geography and History are taught in this Standard as well as elementary Latin, and yet neither of these are asked for by the grant-aid scheme. It is in this Standard that the great difficulty is first of all for which the school is famous.

Geography.—A Portuguese boy who out of school hears nothing but Portuguese, an American whose ideas are expressed in his English or Chinese, English the vehicle by which information is conveyed is very little better than a dead letter. But in English what has he read, and you will get something like the following:

I don't have any great treat. As it hit in a gay perfume. And still once up the perfume sweet. Of much red roses bawling piece.

But who it was my friendly miss. Which make to both the self red rose. Oh! then I was the flower what was. The end of the tip of her splendid nose.

Who I have ever to be. Which every night her pearly push. At her night her pearly push. The marguerite which her vestige crush.

The king bird gorges on the bush. Then put out an superior note. But she is a great deal more. What bubble from my miss's throat.

The heaven space it seemed me blue (I haven't approved the sky) I want to be the rubbed her eye. At charman miss's oval eyes.

But I will meet her now at noon. And take occasion for the bird. And make a statement all my year. That she is in my eye my year.

With thou, she quothed, how my sleep. And came of ever more to me. But for I have not a time. What will not keep up my lamp.

Or such a parable as the following:—He stood alone &c; where so little infirmation was conveyed to the boy's mind that 'wicked' an adjective was passed as a noun and 'the' a noun was passed as a verb.

This fact comes out more clearly when simple questions are asked after an oral lesson, in which, by means of the black-board, every illustration and assistance has been given, so that the teacher feels, I have made this subject as plain to these boys as that 2+2=4. The return which one gets after 3 hour hard teaching in the case of these boys—not English—is simply nil.

In arithmetic however the results are astonishingly different: this I attribute to be accounted for from the mechanical nature of the study—a rule once taught seems to be applied in such cases without any difficulty. This leads me to remark with what satisfaction I should welcome the work of any member of the committee, or of any teacher to the school, that they might see for themselves the character of our work and form some idea of its difficulties.

In Standard IV, a great deal of our work seems to go for nothing, since by the grant-aid scheme if a boy writes, not wrongly, but in his own words, his dictation, his Algebra, Euclid and Latin are not even examined. During the year no less than nine hours have been devoted to the study of these subjects, and in this standard, particularly in Algebra, the boys have taken great interest in their work.

The boys in this form were examined by the Cambridge Syndicate, and the Examiner says that his English grammar paper there was not a single failure, but in the grant-aid scheme only one boy passed. He replied to Bishop Burton, Mr. Bateman said seven boys were presented.

The work of Standards V. and VI. may be very well left to the Cambridge Examiner's report.

General.—The school is now in that state in which every school ought to be once in five years. The older boys, who had worked creditably and successfully, have left.

5 left for England.
2 left for the Colony for Macao.
2 were engaged in offices.

5 left for the Colony.
8 left for England.
4 were engaged in offices.

2 left for Central School.
6 left for Chefoo and Shanghai.

1 left for England.
1 left for Diocesan Home.
1 left for Central School.
2 left for offices in the Colony.

The following character of the population in this Colony will always make the work of the Public School more or less disappointing and unsatisfactory to the teachers. English boys may attend the school while their parents are resident here, or a limited period of time, as in the case of the children of the British Consular staff, or, as I have testimony, the school is a great boon, but climatic influences and moral surroundings will always induce English parents to send their children home for education wherever it is possible. Still, it is worth the work for the Public School, and, therefore, I most heartily offer my sincerest thanks to E. R. Bellis, Esq., for his generous offer to give to the Hongkong Public School a 'local' habitation.

Mr. Bateman then proceeded to read the report of the examination made under the auspices of the Cambridge Syndicate, and the University of Cambridge to provide for the examination of schools. He remarked that in these examinations they not only commendation for their good work but they also get their mistakes and faults pointed out. He then proceeded to read the report of the examination made under the auspices of the Cambridge Syndicate, and the University of Cambridge to provide for the examination of schools.

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success, through the work of the class as a whole was never so good.

English.—Form V. Division I. (Books I-IV). One boy did a particularly good paper and was not afraid of the riders. The rest did fairly well. Division II (Books I-III). The best of the three boys forming this Division did moderately well. Form IV (Book I. Prose, 120). The work, though respectable in a few cases, was generally poor.

Latin.—Form V. Much attention will have to be given to the accidents, which great weakness was shown. The question best answered was that relating to the Propositions, which had apparently been recently learnt and were well remembered. Form IV. This class was called upon to attempt only elementary accidents and to translate simple sentences. One boy did fairly well, but the work of the rest was often careless and very faulty.

French.—The Grammar was worth very little, but the translation from 'L'Azur' (Book I) had evidently been prepared with care, and in some cases was very good. If only the questions on the accidents had been answered equally well, several boys in Form V. would have gained highly satisfactory marks.

Summary.—The character of the work set up was very varied, as the above report will have shown. In nearly every subject some excellent papers were done, and in some cases the boys, differing widely in their ability, did evidently put great pains into their work. The cleverer boys would do credit to any school; for the weaker ones there was nothing to propose but a continuance of patient drilling in the accidents and ground work of the various subjects.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. J. SANDERSON, M.A.,
Late Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge.
Bristol Rectory,
Kimbleton, Oct. 17, 1889.

Correct.
J. N. KEVINS,
Assistant Secretary to the Syndicate.

The prizes were then handed to the successful pupils by His Excellency. The following is the prize list:—

Form I. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form II. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form III. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form IV. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao.

Form V. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form VI. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form VII. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao. Form VIII. General. Boys Own Annual, Macao.

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school accommodation extended. (Applause.)

His Excellency—I may say that I had not the slightest intention of saying that the criticisms of the Headmaster were not perfectly just; I only say that he and I, though for a moment, he would have made his complaint to me in the first instance. It is only natural I dread not to recognize that the Governor is responsible for every system that is in force, but I think if he had considered it for a moment, the complaint would have been made long before being made public here—that is all.

Cheers were then given for His Excellency, the prize-givers and the ladies, and the proceedings terminated.

SOUTH FORMOSA.
Our latest advices from private sources are to the following effect:—

Things are still in a very unsatisfactory condition in the south of the island. Brigandage is assuming large proportions, and it is absolutely unsafe to send valuable goods, still less money, to places even a short distance from the port. Having lost \$12,000 to \$15,000 at the hands of highway robbers, the foreign merchants, finding it utterly impossible to get any redress from the local officials, have petitioned the British Consul, who also represents nearly every other nationality, to move Peking in the matter, and meanwhile, though not absolutely brought to a standstill, it is as

WOULD I WERE A WIDOW.
Young maids, you know, are voted slow,
And set aside completely,
While sprightly dames assert their claims
And smile on men too sweetly.
Who cares for youth and beauty blended?
This is the married woman's day;
The 'bud's' bright reign, alas, is ended,
And only matrons hold full sway.

The married belle is vored quite well
In what we term, fiction ion;
Her honeyed smiles and artless wiles
Drive girls to desperation!
No wall-flower is she, nowadays,
Nor trends the sober lancers;
But joins the waller's giddy man,
The merriest of the dancers!

A maid may be most fair to see,
And robed in diaphanous dresses,
Know how to talk and dance the York,
Yet failure she confesses.
She murmurs: "Would I were a widow,
How delightful it would be;
In widow's weeds there's many a bolder
Would surely bide me!"

She sighs in vain, and it is plain,
Can never have her desire;
For how can she, best wedded be,
To widowhood aspire?
Her chances now are very small,
Quite slim the prop of hope beneath her,
For wives and widows have it all,
And she, poor thing, cannot be either.

—Kate A. Carrington, in N. O. Picayune.

TEN MONTHS' SUFFERING IN A HOSPITAL.

There is an old saying that physicians are a class of men who pour drugs, of which they know little, into bodies of which they know less. This is both true and untrue at the same time. There are good and poor doctors. The trouble with these medical gentlemen as a profession is that they are classed, and apt to be classed. They don't like to be beaten at their own trade by outsiders who have never studied medicine. They therefore pay, by their frequent failures, the penalty of refusing instruction unless the teacher bears their own 'Hall Mark.'

An eminent physician—Dr. Brown-Squard, of Paris—states the fact accurately when he says: "The medical profession are so bound up in their self-confidence and conceit that they allow the diamond truths of science to be picked up by persons entirely outside their ranks." We give a most interesting incident, which illustrates this important truth.

The steamship 'Concordia,' of the Donaldson Line, from Glasgow for Baltimore in 1887, having on board as a Frenchman named Richard Wade, of Glasgow. He had been a stowaway for fourteen years on various ships sailing to America, China, and India. He had borne the hard and exhausting labour, and had been healthy and strong. On the trip he now came to Glasgow for the first time to feel weak and ill. His appetite failed, and he suffered from drowsiness, heartburn, a bad taste in the mouth,

and costiveness and irregularity of the bowels. Sometimes when at work he had attacks of giddiness, but supposed it to be caused by the heat of the fire room. Quite often he was sick and felt like vomiting, and had some pain in the head. Later during the passage he grew worse, and when the ship reached Halifax he was placed in the Victoria General Hospital, and the ship sailed away without him. The house surgeon gave him some powder to stop the vomiting, and the next day the visiting physician gave him a mixture to take every four hours. Within two days Wade was no more than a skeleton. The doctors stopped both the powder and the mixture. A month passed, the poor fellow getting worse and worse.

Then came another doctor, who was to be visiting physician for the next five months. He gave other medicines, but not much relief. Nearly all that time Wade suffered great torture; he digested nothing, throwing up all he ate. There was terrible pain in the bowels, burning heat in the throat, heartburn, and reeking headache. The patient was now taking a mixture every four hours, powder one after each meal to digest the food, operating pills one every night, and temperature pills two each night to stop the cold sweats. If drugs could cure him at all, Richard had an idea that he took pleasure in it, and the doctors took kindly of matter from his right side, and then told him he was cured. Five months more rolled by, and there was another

change of visiting physicians. The new one gave Wade a mixture which he said made him tremble like a leaf on a tree.

At this crisis Wade's Scotch blood asserted itself. He refused to stand any more dosing, and told the doctors that if he must die he would die as well without them as with them. By this time a cup of milk would turn sour on his stomach, and he would throw it up. Our friend from Glasgow was like a wreck on a shoal, fast going to pieces. We will let him tell the rest of his experience in the words in which he communicated it to the press.

He says: "When I was in this state a lady whom I had never seen came to the hospital and talked with me. She proved to be an angel of mercy, for without her I should not now be alive. She told me of a medicine called 'Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup,' and brought me a bottle next day. I started with it, without consulting the doctors, and in only a few days' time I was out of bed calling for ham and eggs for breakfast. From that time, keeping on with Mother Seigel's great remedy, I got well fast, and was soon able to leave the hospital and come home to Glasgow. I now feel as if I was in another world, and have no illness of any kind."

The above facts are calmly and impartially stated, and the reader may draw his own conclusion. We deem it best to use no names, although Mr. Wade gave them in his original deposition. His address is No. 244, St. George Street, Glasgow, where letters will reach him.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, Saturday Noon, 4th January, 1890.

STOCKS.	When Established.	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Par Value of Share.	Amount Paid-up per share.	Reserve Fund.	POSITION PER LAST REPORT.		DIVIDEND.		CASH QUOTATIONS. (For Time Barriers see memo, at foot).			
							At credit of working a/c, or Bal. Fwd.	Amount.	When paid.	Closing.	Highest.	Lowest.		
Banks.														
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank- ing Corporation	1865	7,500,000	60,000	125	all	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 70,307.32	30 for 1 year to 30/9/89 80/100 30/10/89 80/100	Aug. 26, 89	200 % prem., buyers	202 % prem.	198 % prem.		
Marine Insurance.														
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	1867	2,500,000	10,000	250	25	732,500	\$ 385,290 estimated to 30 June 88	28 1/2 % = 87 1/2 per cent. for 1888	Oct. 11, 89	\$104, sales	—	—		
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	1865	2,000,000	24,000	83.33	25	650,000	231,343.01	20 percent. 50 p. sh. for year ending 30/9/89	Sept. 10, 89	\$74, buyers	\$74	\$73		
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	1863	1,000,000	5,000	200	50	1,320,000	475.5 2.80	34 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/88 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/89 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/90 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/91 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/92 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/93 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/94 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/95 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/96 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/97 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/98 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/99 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/00 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/01 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/02 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/03 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/04 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/05 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/06 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/07 = 11.25 p. cent. for 12 m. ending 31/12/08 = 11.25 p. cent. for 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